

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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| IN RE APPLICATION OF: | RAJU et al.  | : | Confirmation No.: 2915 |
| APPLICATION NO.:      | 10/617,616   | : | Examiner: S. LOEWE     |
| FILING DATE:          | July 11, 2003  | : | Group Art Unit: 1626   |
| TITLE:                | N-HYDROXYAMIDE DERIVATIVES<br>POSSESSING ANTIBACTERIAL<br>ACTIVITY | : |                        |

Mail Stop Amendment  
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Sir:

**RESPONSE TO ELECTION/RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

This is responsive to the Office Action mailed on March 24, 2008 in connection with the above-identified application. A shortened statutory response to the March 24, 2008 Office Action was set to expire one (1) month from the mailing date of the Office Action, i.e., on May 24, 2008. Accordingly, this response is timely filed.

Amendments to the claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/arguments begin on page 15 of this paper.